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59/111. Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/82 of 8 December 1989 concerning the proclamation of, preparations for and observance of the International Year of the Family in 1994, and resolutions 50/142 of 21 December 1995, 52/81 of 12 December 1997 and 54/124 of 17 December 1999 concerning the follow-up to the International Year of the Family,

Recalling also its resolutions 56/113 of 19 December 2001, 57/164 of 18 December 2002 and 58/15 of 3 December 2003 concerning the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004,[1]

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 58/15;

2. *Welcomes* the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family on 6 December 2004 at Headquarters;

3. *Commends* the important contributions made by Governments at the international, national, regional and local levels to observe the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;

4. *Welcomes* the hosting of the Regional Conference on the Family in Africa on 27 and 28 July 2004 by the Government of Benin, and also welcomes the hosting of the Doha International Conference for the Family on 29 and 30 November 2004 by the State of Qatar, and takes note of their outcomes;

5. *Encourages* Governments to make every possible effort to realize the objectives of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and to integrate a family perspective in the planning process;

[1] A/59/176.

6. *Notes with appreciation* the contribution of the non-governmental organizations through local and regional meetings, as well as the programmes and activities throughout civil society undertaken in support of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;

7. *Recommends* that all relevant agencies of the United Nations system, civil society organizations, the media, religious and community-based organizations as well as the private sector contribute to developing strategies and programmes aimed at strengthening the livelihood of families;

8. *Encourages* United Nations agencies and bodies, including the regional commissions, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and research and academic institutions, to work closely with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat in a coordinated manner on family-related issues, inter alia, by sharing experience and findings, in recognition of their valuable role in family policy development at all levels;

9. *Decides* to celebrate the anniversary of the International Year of the Family on a ten-year basis.

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6 December 2004